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PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY OF LIME STONE AND DOLOMITE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of lime stone and Dolomite produced and supplied to Bokaro Steel Plant from the Bhavnathpur lime stone mines during each of the last five years separately;

(b) whether the said mines have also offered to supply lime stone and dolomite to other private parties in addition to Bokaro Steel Plant;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the cost being incurred by Bhavnathpur lime stone mines on production of lime stone and dolomite;

(e) the rate at which Bokaro Steel Plant is purchasing lime stone and dolomite from other sources separately; and

(f) the reasons for which Bokaro Steel Plant is purchasing less quantity of raw materials from Bhavnathpur lime stone mines?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) The quantum of lime stone and dolomite produced and supplied to Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) from the Bhawnathpur lime stone mines and the adjacent Tulsidamar dolomite mines during each of the last five years are as under :

(In Metric Tonnes)

Year	Lime stone		Dolo Mite	
	Production	Supply to BSL	Production	Supply to BSL
1999-2000	68	77	256	266
2000-2001	121	107	286	284
2001-2002	78	59	128	84
2002-2003	79	102	216	256
2003-2004	83	67	289	248

(b) & (c) Bhawnathpur and Tulsidamar mines have not offered to supply limestone or dolomite to any private party.

(d) & (e) It would not be in the commercial interest of SAIL to disclose this information as it would put the plant in a disadvantageous position viz-a-viz the private sector.

(f) The percentage content of Calcium Oxide (CaO) ranges from 41% to 44% and Silica content from 6% to 8% in the limestone deposit of Bhawnathpur. However, for techno-economic reasons the steel plants require better quality of limestone with CaO above 46% and Silica below 5% which is not available in the Bhawnathpur Limestone Deposit.